संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ में भारतीय प्रतिनिधियों द्वारा हिन्दी में दिए गये भाषण

409. **श्री विष्णु कान्त शास्त्री :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ तथा उससे सम्बद्ध संगठनों के अधिवेशनों में गत वर्ष भारतीय प्रतिनिधियों ने कितने अवसरों पर भाषण दिये और उनमें से कितने भाषण हिन्दी में दिये गये तथा कितने अंग्रेजी में,

(ख) क्या सरकार ने ऐसी कोई व्यवस्था की है कि इन अवसरों पर जो अधिकारी हिन्दी में बोलना चाहें, उनके अनुवाद की सुविधाये उपलब्ध कराई जायें, और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उक्त व्यवस्थाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है और उनका उपयोग न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं तथा उन व्यवस्थाओं का अधिक उपयोग किये जाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किये गये हैं ?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी) : (क) पिछले वर्ष संयुक्त राष्ट्र और इस से सम्बद्ध संगठनों की बैठकों में भारतीय प्रतिनिधियों ने कई भाषण दिये थे । ये सभी भाषण संयुक्त राष्ट्र की आधिकारिक भाषा अर्थात् अंग्रेजी में दिये गये थे ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रत्येक वर्ष संयुक्त राष्ट्र महा सभा में सत्र के दौरान न्यूयार्क स्थित भारत के स्थायी मिशन में इस उद्देश्य से एक हिन्दी अधिकारी भेजा जाता है ताकि प्रतिनिधि मंडल के उन सदस्यों को अनुवाद सम्बन्धी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई जा सकें जो हिन्दी में बोलना चाहें । हिन्दी में दिये गये भाषणों का वहीं अनुवाद करने हेतु व्यवस्था संयुक्त राष्ट्र उपलब्ध कराई जा सकती है । सरकार का इन सुविधाओं का जहां तक संभव होगा अधिक से अधिक उपयोग करने का विचार है ।

Scarcity of Medicines at Danapur Division

410. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Group C and D staff of Danapur Division Eastern Railways are not getting medicines properly as prescribed by the doctors and denied for local purchase on scarcity of fund while Group A and B staff are taking such medicines through local purchase and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Allocation for Ganga Action Plan

411. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about Rs. 200 crores have been allocated to Government/local bodies of Uttar Pradesh under the Ganga Action Plan;

(b) whether Ganga is still most polluted and filthy at six important cities of the states; namely Haridwar, Varanasi, Kanpur, Mirzapur, Allahabad and Farrukhabad;

(c) whether sewage treatment plants are not properly maintained due to non-availability of resources with local bodies and a lot of human and cattle waste is even now being daily dumped, untreated, at Varanasi in the river; and

(d) what corrective measures, if any, are being contemplated/taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) An amount of Rs. 184.84 crores has been approved for implementation of 106 schemes in Uttar Pradesh under Ganga Action Plan Phase I.

(b) In the towns covered under Ganga, action Plan Phase I, wherever the interception, diversion and treatment works have been competed, the water quality of river Ganga has shown improvement. To control pollution caused to river Ganga from sources not covered under Ganga Action Plan Phase I, pollution abatement works are being taken up under GAP-II.

(c) and (d) The sewage Treatment Plants set up under Ganga Action Plan

Phase-I in Uttar Pradesh, by and large, are beign operated satisfactorily. To control pollution on account of dumping of human and cattle waste in the river, programmes to generate awareness to keep the river clean and to seek people's participation in this endeavour are on.

Introduction of CT-20R PHS Telephones in India

412. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICAITONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent press reports about the introduction of inexpensive CT-2 Telephones or PHS Telephones in Singapore, Japan and USA which cost much less than the Cellular Telephones, and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government would consider the introduction of new CT-2 or PHS Telephoens, as a value added communication service in India, particularly when they cost less than one-fourth the price of Cellular Telephones but can perform more than 80% of their functions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE Of THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. MTNL had conducted field trials only for CT-2 technology to a limited extent in Delhi and Bombay. The services offered by CT-2 are generally acceptable although limited in facilities compared to Cellular Telephones. CT-2 and Cellular phoens have different features and address different markets and are supplementary in nature.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

Supply of Contaminated Kerosene

413. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that contaminated kerosene was supplied to consumers by certain companies;

(b) if so, the details of such companies, and the action proposed to be taken against them;

(c) steps being contemplated by Government to prevent such incidents in future; and

(d) the compensation paid to the families of deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that during February-March, 1994, there was an incident of supply of contaminated kerosene in and around Kota supply area Ex-Kota Depot of the IOC in Rajasthan.

The Enquirty Committee appointed by the Government has recommended various steps to prevent such accidents in furture. Accordingly, the oil companies are observing quality control guidelines as per industry quality control manual at all locations in addition to imparting training at grass-root level, including the wholesale kerosene dealers, and carrying out regular and surprise inspections.

(d) A total amount of Rs. S3 lakhs was paid to the families of the deceased by the IOC.

Waiting List for Telephone in Karnataka

414. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the waiting list for telephone connections in Karnataka, Exchange-wise;

(b) the date by which the waiting list will be cleared; and

(c) the details of expansion programme of telephone exchanges for the current year?